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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: INOUE, Naoyuki

Serial No.: 09/625,967

Group Art Unit: 2182

Filed: July 26, 2000

Examiner: Eron J. Sorrell

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For. EXPANSION DEVICE CONNECTED TO INFORMATION DEVICE TO
THEREBY EXPAND THE FUNCTIONS THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: April 24, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2002 for one month from March 24, 2003 to April 24, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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